

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely passing and paying tribute to the life and valiant service of West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association Firefighter Tomasz Marian Kaczowka who died in the line of duty on December 24, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; 19-year-old Tomasz Marian Kaczowka was one such firefighter who died in service to others, doing what he loved; and

WHEREAS, A 2011 Webster Thomas High School graduate, Tomasz Marian Kaczowka was an extraordinary, intelligent young man who was mature beyond his years; and

WHEREAS, A rising star within the Department, one year ago young Tomasz Marian Kaczowka proudly joined the West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association; throughout the Association, he was affectionately known as everyone's "little brother"; and

WHEREAS, Tomasz Marian Kaczowka was employed as an Emergency Dispatch Operator for the City of Rochester, Monroe County; he was also an Altar Boy at St. Stanislaus Church in Rochester; and

WHEREAS, Tomasz Marian Kaczowka is survived by his mother, Janina, his father, Marian, and his older twin brothers, Dariusz and Greg; and

WHEREAS, The West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association is an extended family and will always remember this outstanding young man for the hard work and dedication he showed the fire company as well as the community, but most importantly, for his quality of character; and

WHEREAS, During his life, Firefighter Tomasz Marian Kaczowka touched many through his kindness and commitment to service, and, as we recall the loss of this great man, we memorialize his remarkable life and the enormous impact he had on everyone with whom he came in contact; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of this courageous firefighter who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely passing and pay tribute to the life and valiant service of West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association Firefighter Tomasz Marian Kaczowka, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Firefighter Tomasz Marian Kaczowka.